

Growing together ...in Faith...Reason...Service...and Love

BOWER HILL

Bower Hill Community Church (Presbyterian U.S.A)



**20 March 2022 -- Order of Worship
Third Sunday in Lent**

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Preparation for Worship:

*"Two there are who are never satisfied: the lover of the world and the lover of knowledge."
~Rumi*

Prelude

Lenten Selections

Bower Hill Bell Choir

Choral Introit

This Is the Day

Call to Worship:

Leader: Incline your ear and come to me, God says to us. Listen so that you may live.
God's covenant is everlasting. It is with us from generation to generation.

People: God's love is steadfast and sure.

Leader: We come together today in God's presence to call on the Holy One and draw near.

People: Let us offer our worship and praise.

Prayer of Adoration

Loving God, your thoughts are not our thoughts, and your ways are not our ways, yet your patience with us is great, and your love for us even greater. You have been our help in times of trouble—tending to us and caring for us. Gather us beneath your wings, that in the warmth and safety of intimacy with you, we may find the strength to be vulnerable, honest, repentant, and joyful. Abiding in you, we join our hearts and minds for worship, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

***Hymn 446**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Call to Prayer

The Lord is a refuge and fortress for us, protecting us from evil. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

We confess to you, O God, that we have been misled by the brokenness of our world, and we have added to it. You nourish us with your eternal word, but we hunger for bread that perishes. You call us to worship you alone, but we seek to serve worldly powers. You offer us salvation, but we gamble with the gifts of life. Forgive us, God of grace. Guide us by your word and guard us with your Spirit, so that we may live in faith and follow you faithfully; through Jesus Christ our Savior. [Silent prayers]

Words of Assurance

Hear the promise of the Lord: When you call on me, I will answer; I will satisfy you with life and show you my saving love. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ: In him we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Lenten Response:** *Jesus, Remember me when you come into your kingdom,
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*
Sing two times

***The Peace** *Please practice **contact-free** passing of the peace!*
Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

God of all wisdom, your word is near to us, on our lips and in our hearts. Speak to us and speak through us by the power of your Spirit, so that we may believe in our hearts and confess with our lips that Jesus Christ is Lord.

People: Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55:1-9

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Lector: The Word of the Lord.

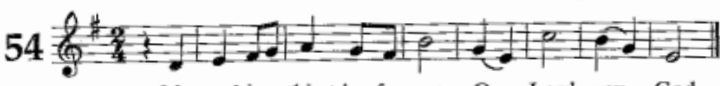
People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalter: Psalm 63:1-8

Intoned by Art Thomas and the Chancel Choir

PSALM 63
(1-8)

Richard T. Proulx

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My soul is thirst-ing for you, O Lord my God.

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Gospel Reading

Luke 13:1-9

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Gospel Response

Praise to You, Lord Christ

Sermon

"Come to the Waters"

Rev. Dr. Brian Snyder

Congregational Response

Spirit of the Living God, Verse 1

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Choral Amen

Welcome and Next Steps

Invitation to Offering

Offering and Choral Anthem

Inscription of Hope

Z. Randall Stroope

***Response: The Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise God all creatures here below!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host! Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn 543**

Abide with Me

***Charge and Benediction**

***Choral Response**

Sevenfold Amen

Postlude

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Paul Manz

Feel free to exit during the postlude, mindful of those who wish to remain and listen.

** Please stand as you are able.*

If you have a prayer request, please write it on the white prayer request card located in your pew. You may place it in the offering plate located in the narthex to be printed next week. Prayer concerns will remain in the bulletin for three weeks unless otherwise requested.

Prayers are requested for:

Bower Hill Church Members

Joan Bridges, Jeff Carper

Jean Dunfee, Georgia Gallo

Barbara Oram, Dottie Post

Mike Reimer, Donna Williams



IN NEED
OF PRAYER

Ongoing Prayers for Health Concerns

Other family, friends, loved ones, etc.

The McFeeley Family, Brian McFeeley, principal of Mt. Lebanon High School, passed away on March 4, after a 2 1/2 yr battle with pancreatic cancer. He will be missed through the whole community, but mostly his wife and two sons.

Anthony Morgan, father of Peter Morgan, who passed away at the age of 82 on March 10.

The family of Virginia Reinstadtler.

Beth Robosky and family, on the death of Beth's mother
Sydney Saba, a High School Senior, who is in the hospital
for blood clots in her lungs.